

# ***A Tapestry of Head Start Families: Challenges They Face and Strengths They Possess***



**Findings from FACES -  
*The Head Start Family and  
Child Experiences Survey***

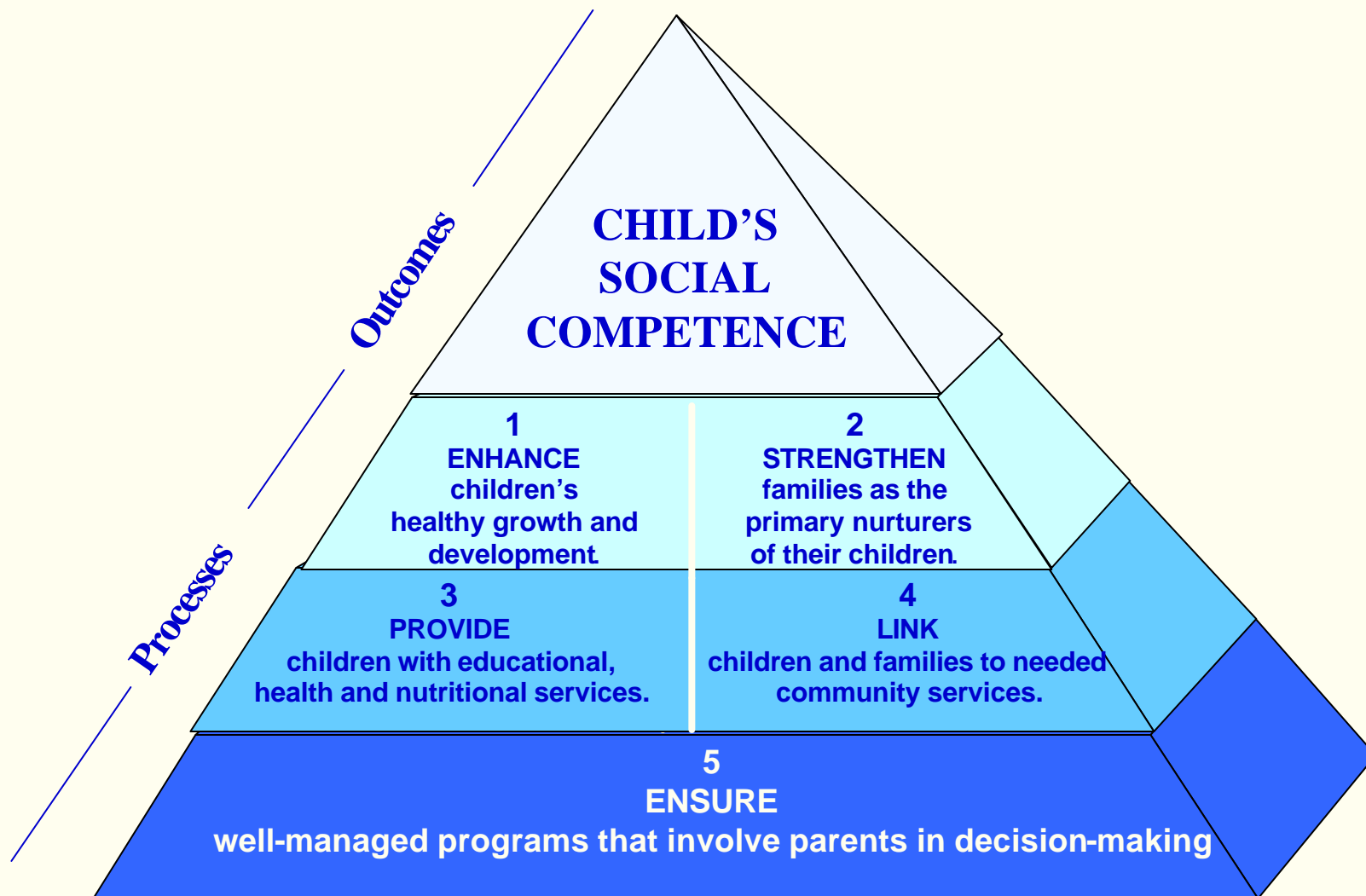
# Introduction to FACES



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# Head Start Program Performance Measures Conceptual Framework





# The FACES 1997 Sample

- **40 Head Start Programs**
  - 403 classrooms
- **Parents**
  - **Fall 1997 – Baseline Data**
    - 3120 Parents
  - **Spring 1998**
    - 2688 Parents
- **Case Study**
  - 120 Families
- **Children and Parents**
  - **Fall 1997 to Spring 1998 Longitudinal Sample**
    - 2543 Children



# The FACES 1997 Data Collection

## ■ Parent Interviews

- Child Characteristics
- Primary Caregiver Characteristics
- Family Characteristics
- Household Characteristics
- Neighborhood Characteristics
- Family Head Start Experiences

## ■ Family Case Study

- Home Visit Parent Interviews
- Telephone Interviews (monthly)
- Home & Neighborhood Observations

## ■ Child Assessments

- Social Behavior
- Early Literacy Skills
- Early Math Skills

## ■ Teacher Reports of Child Behavior

## ■ Staff Interviews

## ■ Classroom Quality Observations

## ■ Child Play Observations



# Further information on FACES

The CORE Website: [www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/core](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/core)

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